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Labaton Sucharow Credentials

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ABOUT THE FIRM

Labaton Sucharow has recovered billions of dollars for investors, businesses, and consumers

Founded in 1963, Labaton Sucharow LLP has earned a reputation as one of the leading plaintiffs' firms in the United States. For more than half a century, Labaton Sucharow has successfully exposed corporate misconduct and recovered billions of dollars in the United States and around the globe on behalf of investors and consumers. Our mission is to continue this legacy and to continue to advance market fairness and transparency in the areas of securities, antitrust, corporate governance and shareholder rights, and data privacy and cybersecurity litigation, as well as whistleblower representation. Our Firm has recovered significant losses for investors and secured corporate governance reforms on behalf of the nation's largest institutional investors, including public pension, Taft-Hartley, and hedge funds, investment banks, and other financial institutions.

Along with securing newsworthy recoveries, the Firm has a track record for successfully prosecuting complex cases from discovery to trial to verdict. As *Chambers and Partners* has noted, the Firm is "*considered one of the greatest plaintiffs' firms,*" and *The National Law Journal* "Elite Trial Lawyers" recently recognized our attorneys for their "*cutting-edge work on behalf of plaintiffs.*" Our appellate experience includes winning appeals that increased settlement values for clients and securing a landmark U.S. Supreme Court victory in 2013 that benefited all investors by reducing barriers to the certification of securities class action cases.

Our Firm provides global securities portfolio monitoring and advisory services to more than 250 institutional investors, including public pension funds, asset managers, hedge funds, mutual funds, banks, sovereign wealth funds, and multi-employer plans—with collective assets under management (AUM) in excess of \$2.5 trillion. We are equipped to deliver results due to our robust infrastructure of more than 70 full-time attorneys, a dynamic professional staff, and innovative technological resources. Labaton Sucharow attorneys are skilled in every stage of business litigation and have challenged corporations from every sector of the financial market. Our professional staff includes financial analysts, paralegals, e-discovery specialists, certified public accountants, certified fraud examiners, and a forensic accountant. We have one of the largest in-house investigative teams in the securities bar.



WITH OFFICES IN **NEW YORK,**
DELAWARE, AND **WASHINGTON, D.C.,**
LABATON SUCHAROW IS ON THE
GROUND IN KEY JURISDICTIONS FOR
PROTECTING INVESTORS



SECURITIES LITIGATION: As a leader in the securities litigation field, the Firm is a trusted advisor to more than 250 institutional investors with collective assets under management in excess of \$2.5 trillion. Our practice focuses on portfolio monitoring and domestic and international securities litigation for sophisticated institutional investors. Since the passage of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, we have recovered more than \$13.5 billion in the aggregate. Our success is driven by the Firm's robust infrastructure, which includes one of the largest in-house investigative teams in the plaintiffs' bar.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND SHAREHOLDER RIGHTS LITIGATION: Our breadth of experience in shareholder advocacy has also taken us to Delaware, where we press for corporate reform through our Wilmington office. These efforts have already earned us a string of enviable successes, including one of the largest derivative settlements ever achieved in the Court of Chancery, a \$153.75 million settlement on behalf of shareholders in *In re Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. Derivative Litigation*.

ANTITRUST AND COMPETITION: Labaton Sucharow has a well-earned reputation for successfully investigating and litigating complex antitrust multi-district litigation class actions. Regularly appointed lead counsel by courts throughout the nation, we have led the charge in some of the most significant private antitrust litigation in recent years challenging national and international price-fixing cartels, including *In re Air Cargo Shipping Services Antitrust Litigation* (\$1.2+ billion in settlements from over 30 global airlines). In particular, we are at the forefront in challenging anticompetitive conduct in the financial and pharmaceutical industries. Whether a case involves complex financial instruments and commodities or branded and generic drugs, Labaton Sucharow has the industry-specific expertise to achieve positive results for the class.

CONSUMER, CYBERSECURITY, AND DATA PRIVACY PRACTICE: Labaton Sucharow is dedicated to putting our expertise to work on behalf of consumers who have been wronged by fraud in the marketplace. Built on our world-class litigation skills, deep understanding of federal and state rules and regulations, and an unwavering commitment to fairness, our Consumer, Cybersecurity, and Data Privacy Practice focuses on protecting consumers and improving the standards of business conduct through litigation and reform. Our team achieved a historic \$650 million settlement in the *In re Facebook Biometric Information Privacy Litigation* matter—the largest consumer data privacy settlement ever, and one of the first cases asserting biometric privacy rights of consumers under Illinois' Biometric Information Privacy Act (BIPA).

WHISTLEBLOWER LITIGATION: Our Whistleblower Representation Practice leverages the Firm's securities litigation expertise to protect and advocate for individuals who report violations of the federal securities laws.

"Labaton Sucharow is 'superb' and 'at the top of its game.' The Firm's team of 'hard-working lawyers...push themselves to thoroughly investigate the facts' and conduct 'very diligent research.'"

– The Legal 500



SECURITIES CLASS ACTION LITIGATION

Labaton Sucharow is a leader in securities litigation and a trusted advisor to more than 250 institutional investors. Since the passage of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (PSLRA), the Firm has recovered more than \$13.5 billion in the aggregate for injured investors through securities class actions prosecuted throughout the United States and against numerous public corporations and other corporate wrongdoers.

These notable recoveries would not be possible without our exhaustive case evaluation process. The Firm has developed a proprietary system for portfolio monitoring and reporting on domestic and international securities litigation, and currently provides these services to more than 250 institutional investors, which manage collective assets of more than \$2.5 trillion. The Firm's in-house investigators also gather crucial details to support our cases, whereas other firms rely on outside vendors or fail to conduct any confidential investigation at all.

As a result of our thorough case evaluation process, our securities litigators can focus solely on cases with strong merits. The benefits of our selective approach are reflected in the low dismissal rate of the securities cases we pursue, a rate well below the industry average. Over the past decade, we have successfully prosecuted headline-making class actions against AIG, Bear Stearns, Massey Energy, Schering-Plough, Fannie Mae, Amgen, Facebook, and SCANA, among others.

NOTABLE SUCCESSES

Labaton Sucharow has achieved notable successes in financial and securities class actions on behalf of investors, including the following:

In re American International Group, Inc. Securities Litigation, No. 04-cv- 8141 (S.D.N.Y.)

In one of the most complex and challenging securities cases in history, Labaton Sucharow secured more than **\$1 billion** in recoveries on behalf of co-lead plaintiffs Ohio Public Employees Retirement System, State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio, and Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund in a case arising from allegations of bid rigging and accounting fraud. To achieve this remarkable recovery, the Firm took over 100 depositions and briefed 22 motions to dismiss. The full settlement entailed a \$725 million settlement with American International Group (AIG), \$97.5 million settlement with AIG's auditors, \$115 million settlement with former AIG officers and related defendants, and an additional \$72 million settlement with General Reinsurance Corporation, which was approved by the Second Circuit on September 11, 2013.

In re Countrywide Financial Corp. Securities Litigation, No. 07-cv-05295 (C.D. Cal.)

Labaton Sucharow, as lead counsel for the New York State Common Retirement Fund and the five New York City public pension funds, sued one of the nation's largest issuers of mortgage loans for credit risk misrepresentations. The Firm's focused investigation and discovery efforts uncovered incriminating evidence that led to a \$624 million settlement for investors. On February 25, 2011,



the court granted final approval to the settlement, which is one of the top 20 securities class action settlements in the history of the PSLRA.

In re HealthSouth Corp. Securities Litigation, No. 03-cv-01500 (N.D. Ala.)

Labaton Sucharow served as co-lead counsel to New Mexico State Investment Council in a case stemming from one of the largest frauds ever perpetrated in the healthcare industry. Recovering \$671 million for the class, the settlement is one of the top 15 securities class action settlements of all time. In early 2006, lead plaintiffs negotiated a settlement of \$445 million with defendant HealthSouth. On June 12, 2009, the court also granted final approval to a \$109 million settlement with defendant Ernst & Young LLP. In addition, on July 26, 2010, the court granted final approval to a \$117 million partial settlement with the remaining principal defendants in the case—UBS AG, UBS Warburg LLC, Howard Capek, Benjamin Lorello, and William McGahan.

In re Schering-Plough/ENHANCE Securities Litigation, No. 08-cv-00397 (D. N.J.)

As co-lead counsel, Labaton Sucharow obtained a \$473 million settlement on behalf of co-lead plaintiff Massachusetts Pension Reserves Investment Management Board. After five years of litigation, and three weeks before trial, the settlement was approved on October 1, 2013. This recovery is one of the largest securities fraud class action settlements against a pharmaceutical company. The Special Masters' Report noted, "The outstanding result achieved for the class is the direct product of outstanding skill and perseverance by Co-Lead Counsel . . . no one else . . . could have produced the result here—no government agency or corporate litigant to lead the charge and the Settlement Fund is the product solely of the efforts of Plaintiffs' Counsel."

In re Waste Management, Inc. Securities Litigation, No. H-99-2183 (S.D. Tex.)

In 2002, the court approved an extraordinary settlement that provided for the recovery of \$457 million in cash, plus an array of far-reaching corporate governance measures. Labaton Sucharow represented lead plaintiff Connecticut Retirement Plans and Trust Funds. At that time, this settlement was the largest common fund settlement of a securities action achieved in any court within the Fifth Circuit and the third largest achieved in any federal court in the nation. Judge Harmon noted, among other things, that Labaton Sucharow "obtained an outstanding result by virtue of the quality of the work and vigorous representation of the class."

In re General Motors Corp. Securities Litigation, No. 06-cv-1749 (E.D. Mich.)

As co-lead counsel in a case against automotive giant General Motors (GM) and its auditor Deloitte & Touche LLP (Deloitte), Labaton Sucharow obtained a settlement of \$303 million—one of the largest settlements ever secured in the early stages of a securities fraud case. Lead plaintiff Deka Investment GmbH alleged that GM, its officers, and its outside auditor overstated GM's income by billions of dollars and GM's operating cash flows by tens of billions of dollars, through a series of accounting manipulations. The final settlement, approved on July 21, 2008, consisted of a cash payment of \$277 million by GM and \$26 million in cash from Deloitte.

Wyatt v. El Paso Corp., No. H-02-2717 (S.D. Tex.)

Labaton Sucharow secured a \$285 million class action settlement against the El Paso Corporation on behalf of the co-lead plaintiff, an individual. The case involved a securities fraud stemming from



the company's inflated earnings statements, which cost shareholders hundreds of millions of dollars during a four-year span. On March 6, 2007, the court approved the settlement and also commended the efficiency with which the case had been prosecuted, particularly in light of the complexity of the allegations and the legal issues.

In re Bear Stearns Cos., Inc. Securities, Derivative & ERISA Litigation, No. 08-cv-2793 (S.D.N.Y.)

Labaton Sucharow served as co-lead counsel, representing lead plaintiff State of Michigan Retirement Systems and the class. The action alleged that Bear Stearns and certain officers and directors made misstatements and omissions in connection with Bear Stearns' financial condition, including losses in the value of its mortgage-backed assets and Bear Stearns' risk profile and liquidity. The action further claimed that Bear Stearns' outside auditor, Deloitte & Touche LLP, made misstatements and omissions in connection with its audits of Bear Stearns' financial statements for fiscal years 2006 and 2007. Our prosecution of this action required us to develop a detailed understanding of the arcane world of packaging and selling subprime mortgages. Our complaint has been called a "tutorial" for plaintiffs and defendants alike in this fast-evolving area. After surviving motions to dismiss, on November 9, 2012, the court granted final approval to settlements with the defendant Bear Stearns for \$275 million and with Deloitte for \$19.9 million.

In re Massey Energy Co. Securities Litigation, No. 10-CV-00689 (S.D. W.Va.)

As co-lead counsel representing the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Pension Reserves Investment Trust, Labaton Sucharow achieved a \$265 million all-cash settlement in a case arising from one of the most notorious mining disasters in US history. On June 4, 2014, the settlement was reached with Alpha Natural Resources, Massey's parent company. Investors alleged that Massey falsely told investors it had embarked on safety improvement initiatives and presented a new corporate image following a deadly fire at one of its coalmines in 2006. After another devastating explosion, which killed 29 miners in 2010, Massey's market capitalization dropped by more than \$3 billion. Judge Irene C. Berger noted, "Class counsel has done an expert job of representing all of the class members to reach an excellent resolution and maximize recovery for the class."

Eastwood Enterprises, LLC v. Farha (WellCare Securities Litigation), No. 07-cv-1940 (M.D. Fla.)

On behalf of the New Mexico State Investment Council and the Public Employees Retirement Association of New Mexico, Labaton Sucharow served as co-lead counsel and negotiated a \$200 million settlement over allegations that WellCare Health Plans, Inc., a Florida-based healthcare service provider, disguised its profitability by overcharging state Medicaid programs. Further, under the terms of the settlement approved by the court on May 4, 2011, WellCare agreed to pay an additional \$25 million in cash if, at any time in the next three years, WellCare was acquired or otherwise experienced a change in control at a share price of \$30 or more after adjustments for dilution or stock splits.

In re SCANA Corporation Securities Litigation, No. 17-cv-2616 (D.S.C.)

Labaton Sucharow served as co-lead counsel in this matter against a regulated electric and natural gas public utility, representing the class and co-lead plaintiff West Virginia Investment Management



Board. The action alleges that for a period of two years, the company and certain of its executives made a series of misstatements and omissions regarding the progress, schedule, costs, and oversight of a key nuclear reactor project in South Carolina. Labaton Sucharow conducted an extensive investigation into the alleged fraud, including by interviewing 69 former SCANA employees and other individuals who worked on the nuclear project. In addition, Labaton Sucharow obtained more than 1,500 documents from South Carolina regulatory agencies, SCANA's state-owned junior partner on the nuclear project, and a South Carolina newspaper, among others, pursuant to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). This information ultimately provided the foundation for our amended complaint and was relied upon by the Court extensively in its opinion denying defendants' motion dismiss. In late 2019, we secured a \$192.5 million recovery for investors—the largest securities fraud settlement in the history of the District of South Carolina.

In re Bristol-Myers Squibb Securities Litigation, No. 00-cv-1990 (D.N.J.)

Labaton Sucharow served as lead counsel representing the lead plaintiff, union-owned LongView Collective Investment Fund of the Amalgamated Bank (LongView), against drug company Bristol-Myers Squibb (BMS). LongView claimed that the company's press release touting its new blood pressure medication, Vanlev, left out critical information—that undisclosed results from the clinical trials indicated that Vanlev appeared to have life-threatening side effects. The FDA expressed serious concerns about these side effects and BMS released a statement that it was withdrawing the drug's FDA application, resulting in the company's stock price falling and losing nearly 30 percent of its value in a single day. After a five-year battle, we won relief on two critical fronts. First, we secured a \$185 million recovery for shareholders, and second, we negotiated major reforms to the company's drug development process that will have a significant impact on consumers and medical professionals across the globe. Due to our advocacy, BMS must now disclose the results of clinical studies on all of its drugs marketed in any country.

In re Fannie Mae 2008 Securities Litigation, No. 08-cv-7831 (S.D.N.Y.)

As co-lead counsel representing co-lead plaintiff Boston Retirement System, Labaton Sucharow secured a \$170 million settlement on March 3, 2015, with Fannie Mae. The lead plaintiffs alleged that Fannie Mae and certain of its current and former senior officers violated federal securities laws, by making false and misleading statements concerning the company's internal controls and risk management with respect to Alt-A and subprime mortgages. The lead plaintiffs also alleged that defendants made misstatements with respect to Fannie Mae's core capital, deferred tax assets, other-than-temporary losses, and loss reserves. Labaton Sucharow successfully argued that investors' losses were caused by Fannie Mae's misrepresentations and poor risk management, rather than by the financial crisis. This settlement is a significant feat, particularly following the unfavorable result in a similar case involving investors in Fannie Mae's sibling company, Freddie Mac.

In re Broadcom Corp. Class Action Litigation, No. 06-cv-05036 (C.D. Cal.)

Labaton Sucharow served as lead counsel on behalf of lead plaintiff New Mexico State Investment Council in a case stemming from Broadcom Corp.'s \$2.2 billion restatement of its historic financial statements for 1998-2005. In August 2010, the court granted final approval of a \$160.5 million settlement with Broadcom and two individual defendants to resolve this matter. It is the second largest up-front cash settlement ever recovered from a company accused of options backdating.



Following a Ninth Circuit ruling confirming that outside auditors are subject to the same pleading standards as all other defendants, the district court denied the motion by Broadcom's auditor, Ernst & Young, to dismiss on the ground of loss causation. This ruling is a major victory for the class and a landmark decision by the court—the first of its kind in a case arising from stock-options backdating. In October 2012, the court approved a \$13 million settlement with Ernst & Young.

In re Satyam Computer Services Ltd. Securities Litigation, No. 09-md-2027 (S.D.N.Y.)

Satyam Computer Services Ltd. (Satyam), referred to as “India’s Enron,” engaged in one of the most egregious frauds on record. In a case that rivals the Enron and Bernie Madoff scandals, the Firm represented lead plaintiff UK-based Mineworkers’ Pension Scheme, which alleged that Satyam, related entities, Satyam’s auditors, and certain directors and officers made materially false and misleading statements to the investing public about the company’s earnings and assets, artificially inflating the price of Satyam securities. On September 13, 2011, the court granted final approval to a settlement with Satyam of \$125 million and a settlement with the company’s auditor, PricewaterhouseCoopers, in the amount of \$25.5 million. Judge Barbara S. Jones commended lead counsel during the final approval hearing, noting the “quality of representation[,] which I found to be very high.”

In re Mercury Interactive Corp. Securities Litigation, No. 05-cv-3395 (N.D. Cal.)

Labaton Sucharow served as co-lead counsel on behalf of co-lead plaintiff Steamship Trade Association/International Longshoremen’s Association Pension Fund, which alleged that Mercury Interactive Corp. (Mercury) backdated option grants used to compensate employees and officers of the company. Mercury’s former CEO, CFO, and General Counsel actively participated in and benefited from the options backdating scheme, which came at the expense of the company’s shareholders and the investing public. On September 25, 2008, the court granted final approval of the \$117.5 million settlement.

In re Oppenheimer Champion Fund Securities Fraud Class Actions, No. 09- cv-525 (D. Colo.) and In re Core Bond Fund, No. 09-cv-1186 (D. Colo.)

Labaton Sucharow served as lead counsel and represented individuals and the proposed class in two related securities class actions brought against Oppenheimer Funds, Inc., among others, and certain officers and trustees of two funds—Oppenheimer Core Bond Fund and Oppenheimer Champion Income Fund. The lawsuits alleged that the investment policies followed by the funds resulted in investor losses when the funds suffered drops in net asset value although they were presented as safe and conservative investments to consumers. In May 2011, the Firm achieved settlements amounting to \$100 million: \$52.5 million in *In re Oppenheimer Champion Fund Securities Fraud Class Actions* and a \$47.5 million settlement in *In re Core Bond Fund*.

In re Computer Sciences Corporation Securities Litigation, No. 11-cv-610 (E.D. Va.)

As lead counsel representing Ontario Teachers’ Pension Plan Board, Labaton Sucharow secured a \$97.5 million settlement in this “rocket docket” case involving accounting fraud. The settlement was the third largest all-cash recovery in a securities class action in the Fourth Circuit and the second largest all-cash recovery in such a case in the Eastern District of Virginia. The plaintiffs



alleged that IT consulting and outsourcing company, Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC), fraudulently inflated its stock price by misrepresenting and omitting the truth about the state of its most visible contract and the state of its internal controls. In particular, the plaintiffs alleged that CSC assured the market that it was performing on a \$5.4 billion contract with the UK National Health Service when CSC internally knew that it could not deliver on the contract, departed from the terms of the contract, and as a result, was not properly accounting for the contract. Judge T.S. Ellis III stated, “I have no doubt—that the work product I saw was always of the highest quality for both sides.”

In Re: CannTrust Holdings Inc. Securities Litigation, No. 1:19-cv-06396-JPO (S.D.N.Y.)

Labaton Sucharow is lead counsel in a class action asserting CannTrust Holdings Inc. made materially false and misleading statements and omissions concerning the company’s compliance with relevant cannabis regulations and an alleged scheme to increase its cannabis production. The Firm represents lead plaintiffs Granite Point Master Fund, LP; Granite Point Capital; and Scorpion Focused Ideas Fund in this U.S. action against the cannabis company, which is primarily traded on the Toronto Stock Exchange and the New York Stock Exchange. On December 2, 2021, the court approved settlements totaling \$66.4 million addressing the majority of the claims in the U.S. action, as well as actions pending in Canada and California.

Public Employees’ Retirement System of Mississippi v. Endo Int’l plc, et al., No. 2017-02081-MJ (Pa. Ct. of C.P. Montgomery Cty.)

Labaton Sucharow served as lead counsel in a securities class action against Endo Pharmaceuticals. The case settled for \$50 million, the largest class settlement obtained in any court pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933 in connection with a secondary public offering. The action alleged that Endo failed to disclose adverse trends facing its generic drugs division in advance of a secondary public offering that raised \$2 billion to finance the acquisition of Par Pharmaceuticals in 2015. The Firm overcame several procedural hurdles to reach this historic settlement, including successfully opposing defendants’ attempts to remove the case to federal court and to dismiss the class complaint in state court. The court approved the settlement on December 5, 2019.

In re JELD-WEN Holding, Inc. Securities Litigation, No. 3:20-cv-00112-JAG (E.D. Va.)

Representing Public Employees’ Retirement System of Mississippi, Labaton Sucharow is court-appointed co-lead counsel in a securities class action lawsuit against JELD-WEN Holding, Inc. and certain of its executives related to allegedly false and misleading statements and omissions concerning JELD-WEN’s allegedly anticompetitive conduct and financial results in the doorskins and interior molded door markets and the merit of a lawsuit filed against JELD-WEN by an interior door manufacturer. The parties reached an agreement to settle the action for \$40 million in April 2021. The court granted final approval of the settlement on November 22, 2021.



City of Warren Police and Fire Retirement System v. World Wrestling Entertainment, Inc. et al., No. 20-cv-02031 (S.D.N.Y.)

Labaton Sucharow served as court-appointed lead counsel in a securities class action against World Wrestling Entertainment, Inc. (WWE). The Firm represented Firefighters Pension System of the City of Kansas City Missouri Trust in the action alleging WWE defrauded investors by making false and misleading statements in connection with certain of its key overseas businesses in the Middle East North Africa region (MENA) from February 7, 2019, through February 5, 2020. The lead plaintiff further alleged that the price of WWE publicly traded common stock was artificially inflated as a result of the company's allegedly false and misleading statements and omissions, and that the price declined when the truth was allegedly revealed through a series of partial revelations. The parties reached an agreement to settle the action for in November 2020, and on June 30, 2021, the court granted final approval of the \$39 million settlement.

Pension Trust Fund for Operating Engineers v. DeVry Education Group, Inc., No. 16-cv-05198 (N.D. Ill.)

In a case that underscores the skill of our in-house investigative team, Labaton Sucharow secured a \$27.5 million recovery in an action alleging that DeVry Education Group, Inc. issued false statements to investors about employment and salary statistics for DeVry University graduates. The Firm took over as lead counsel after a consolidated class action complaint and an amended complaint were both dismissed. Labaton Sucharow filed a third amended complaint on January 29, 2018, which included additional allegations based on internal documents obtained from government entities through the Freedom of Information Act and allegations from 13 new confidential witnesses who worked for DeVry. In denying defendants' motion to dismiss, the court concluded that the "additional allegations . . . alter[ed] the alleged picture with respect to scienter" and showed "with a degree of particularity . . . that the problems with DeVry's [representations] . . . were broad in scope and magnitude."

Vancouver Alumni Asset Holdings Inc. v. Daimler A.G., et al., No. 16-cv-2942 (C.D. Cal)

Serving as lead counsel on behalf of Public School Retirement System of Kansas City, Missouri, Labaton Sucharow secured a \$19 million settlement in a class action against automaker Daimler AG. The action arose out of Daimler's misstatements and omissions touting its Mercedes-Benz diesel vehicles as "green" when independent tests showed that under normal driving conditions the vehicles exceeded the nitrous oxide emissions levels set by U.S. and E.U. regulators. Defendants lodged two motions to dismiss the case. However, the *Daimler* litigation team was able to overcome both challenges, and on May 31, 2017, the court granted in part and denied in part Defendants' motions and allowed the case to proceed to discovery. The court then stayed the action after the U.S. Department of Justice intervened. The *Daimler* litigation team worked with the DOJ and defendants to partially lift the stay in order to allow lead plaintiffs to seek limited discovery. Thereafter, in December 2019, the parties agreed to settle the action for \$19 million.

Avila v. LifeLock, Inc., No. 15-cv-1398 (D. Ariz.)

As co-lead counsel representing Oklahoma Police Pension and Retirement System and Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and Retirement System, the Firm secured a \$20 million settlement in a



securities class action against LifeLock. The action alleged that LifeLock misrepresented the capabilities of its identity theft alerts to investors. While LifeLock repeatedly touted the “proactive,” “near real-time” nature of its alerts, in reality the timeliness of such alerts to customers did not resemble a near real-time basis. The LifeLock litigation team played a critical role in securing the \$20 million settlement. After being dismissed by the District Court twice, the LifeLock team was able to successfully appeal the case to the Ninth Circuit and secured a reversal of the District Court’s dismissals. The case settled shortly after being remanded to the District Court. On July 22, 2020, the court issued an order granting final approval of the settlement.

In re Prothena Corporation PLC Securities Litigation, No. 18-cv-6425 (S.D.N.Y)

Labaton Sucharow, as co-lead counsel, secured a \$15.75 million recovery in a securities class action against development-stage biotechnology company, Prothena Corp. The action alleged that Prothena and certain of its senior executives misleadingly cited the results of an ongoing clinical study of NEOD001—a drug designed to treat amyloid light chain amyloidosis and one of Prothena’s principal assets. Despite telling investors that early phases of testing were successful, Defendants later revealed that the drug was “substantially less effective than a placebo.” Upon this news, Prothena’s stock price dropped nearly 70 percent. On August 26, 2019, the parties executed a Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement for \$15.75 million. Final Judgment was entered on December 4, 2019.

LEAD COUNSEL APPOINTMENTS IN ONGOING LITIGATION

Labaton Sucharow’s institutional investor clients are regularly chosen by federal judges to serve as lead plaintiffs in prominent securities litigations brought under the PSLRA. Dozens of public pension funds and union funds have selected Labaton Sucharow to represent them in federal securities class actions and advise them as securities litigation/investigation counsel.

In re AT&T/DirecTV Now Securities Litigation, No. 19-cv-2892 (S.D.N.Y.)

Labaton Sucharow represents Steamfitters Local 449 Pension Plan in this securities class action against AT&T and multiple executives and directors of the company alleging wide-ranging fraud, abusive sales tactics, and misleading statements to the market in regards to the streaming service, DirecTV Now.

In re PG&E Corporation Securities Litigation, No. 18-cv-03509 (N.D. Cal.)

Labaton Sucharow represents the Public Employees Retirement Association of New Mexico in a securities class action lawsuit against PG&E related to wildfires that devastated Northern California in 2017.

Murphy v. Precision Castparts Corp., No. 16-cv-00521 (D. Or.)

Labaton Sucharow represents Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and Retirement System in a securities class action against Precision Castparts Corp., an aviation parts manufacturing conglomerate that produces complex metal parts primarily marketed to industrial and aerospace customers.



In re Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. Securities Litigation, No. 10-cv-03461 (S.D.N.Y.)

Labaton Sucharow represents Arkansas Teacher Retirement System in a high-profile litigation based on the scandals involving Goldman Sachs' sales of the Abacus CDO.

Meitav Dash Provident Funds and Pension Ltd., et al. v. Spirit AeroSystems Holdings, Inc. et al., No. 20-cv-00054 (N.D. Okla.)

Labaton Sucharow represents Meitav Dash Provident Funds and Pension Ltd. in a securities class action against Spirit AeroSystems Holdings alleging misrepresentation of production rates and the effectiveness of its internal controls over financial reporting relating to production of Boeing planes.

Boston Retirement System v. Uber Technologies, Inc., et al., No. 19-cv-6361-RS (N.D. Cal.)

Labaton Sucharow serves as lead counsel in a securities class action against Uber Technologies, Inc., arising in connection with the company's more than \$8 billion IPO. The action alleges that Uber's IPO registration statement and prospectus made material misstatements and omissions in violation of Sections 11, 12(a)(2), and 15 of the Securities Act of 1933.

Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and Retirement System v. Peabody Energy Corporation et al., No. 20-cv-8024 (S.D.N.Y.)

Labaton Sucharow represents Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and Retirement System in a securities class action against Peabody Energy Corp arising from inadequate safety practices at the company's north Australian mine.

Hill v. Silver Lake Group, L.L.C. (Intelsat S.A.), No. 20-CV-2341 (N.D. Cal.)

The court appointed Labaton Sucharow as lead counsel in the *Intelsat* securities litigation, noting that the Firm "has strong experience prosecuting securities class actions and has served as lead counsel in many high-profile securities actions.

In re Mindbody Securities Litigation, No. 1:19-cv-08331 (S.D.N.Y.)

Labaton Sucharow serves as lead counsel in a securities class action against Mindbody Inc. and two of the company's executives that alleges the software company deliberately depressed its value in the months before its \$1.9 billion acquisition and subsequent delisting from the Nasdaq.



OUR CLIENTS

Labaton Sucharow represents and advises the following institutional investor clients, among others:

- Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System
- Arkansas Teacher Retirement System
- Boston Retirement System
- Bristol County Retirement System
- Cambridge Retirement Board
- Detroit Police & Firemen Retirement System
- El Paso Firemen & Policemen Pension Fund
- Hollywood Employees' Retirement Fund System
- Houston Municipal Employees Pension System
- Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho
- Jackson County Revised Pension Plan
- Kansas City Employees' Retirement System
- Firefighters' Pension System of the City of Kansas City, Missouri Trust
- Public School Retirement System of the School District of Kansas City, Missouri
- Public School Teachers Pension & Retirement Fund of Chicago
- Indiana Public Retirement System
- Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi
- Public School and Education Employee Retirement Systems of Missouri
- Nebraska State Investment Council
- New Mexico Public Employees Retirement Association
- Educational Retirement Board of New Mexico
- Norfolk County Retirement System
- Oklahoma City Employee Retirement System
- Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and Retirement System
- Oklahoma Police Pension & Retirement System
- Omaha Police & Fire Retirement System
- Oregon Public Employees Retirement System
- Pittsburgh Pension
- Providence Board of Investment Commissioners
- Plymouth County Retirement System
- Rhode Island State Investment Commission
- St. Louis Police Retirement System
- St. Louis Firemen's Retirement System
- St. Paul Teachers Retirement Fund
- Utah Retirement Systems
- Warwick Retirement System
- Wayne County Employees' Retirement System
- West Palm Beach Police Pension Fund
- West Virginia Investment Management Board



AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

CONSISTENTLY RANKED AS A LEADING FIRM:



The National Law Journal "2021 Elite Trial Lawyers" recognized Labaton Sucharow as **2021 Class Action Law Firm of the Year**. The Firm was also recognized as a finalist in the **Diversity Initiative** category. Additionally, Labaton Sucharow was named the **2020 Law Firm of the Year for Securities Litigation**.



Benchmark Litigation recognized Labaton Sucharow both nationally and regionally, in New York and Delaware, in its 2022 edition and named 12 Partners as **Litigation Stars** and **Future Stars** across the U.S. The Firm received top rankings in the **Securities** and **Dispute Resolution** categories. The publication also named the Firm a "Top Plaintiffs Firms" in the nation.



Labaton Sucharow is recognized by *Chambers USA 2021* among the leading plaintiffs' firms in the nation, receiving a total of five practice group rankings and nine individual rankings. *Chambers* notes that the Firm is "top flight all-round," a "very high-quality practice," with "good, sensible lawyers." Labaton Sucharow was also recognized as a finalist for the **2020 Diversity and Inclusion Awards** for Inclusive Firm of the Year.



Labaton Sucharow has been recognized as one of the **Nation's Best Plaintiffs' Firms** by *The Legal 500*. In 2021, the Firm earned a **Tier 1 ranking in Securities Litigation** and was also ranked for its excellence in the **Antitrust** and **M&A Litigation**. 10 Labaton Sucharow Partners were ranked or recommended in the 2020 guide noting "Labaton Sucharow has a deep group of litigators who are enormously experienced in securities litigation who do exceptionally good work."



Lawdragon recognized 17 Labaton Sucharow attorneys among the **500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers** in the country in their 2021 guide. The guide recognizes attorneys that are "the best in the nation – many would say the world – at representing plaintiffs in securities and other business litigation, antitrust, whistleblower claims and increasingly complex financial litigation and data privacy invasions." *Lawdragon* also included three of our Partners in their **Hall of Fame**.



Labaton Sucharow was named a **2021 Securities Group of the Year** by *Law360*. The award recognizes the attorneys behind significant litigation wins and major deals that resonated throughout the legal industry.



Labaton Sucharow was named a finalist for *Euromoney* LMG's **Women in Business Law Awards 2021** in the North America Women in Business Law: Firm of the Year, Gender Diversity Initiative, and Talent Management categories. *Euromoney's* WIBL Awards recognizes firms advancing diversity in the profession.



PRO BONO AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

It is not enough to achieve the highest accolades from the bench and bar, and demand the very best of our people. At Labaton Sucharow, we believe that community service is a crucial aspect of practicing law and that pursuing justice is at the heart of our commitment to our profession and the community at large. As a result, we shine in pro bono legal representation and as public and community volunteers.

Our Firm has devoted significant resources to pro bono legal work and public and community service. In fact, our Pro Bono practice is recognized by *The National Law Journal* as winner of the “**Law Firm of the Year**” in Immigration for 2019 and 2020. We support and encourage individual attorneys to volunteer and take on leadership positions in charitable organizations, which have resulted in such honors as the Alliance for Justice’s “**Champion of Justice**” award, a tenant advocacy organization’s “**Volunteer and Leadership Award,**” and board participation for the Ovarian Cancer Research Fund.

Our continued support of charitable and nonprofit organizations, such as the Legal Aid Society, City Bar Justice Center, Public Justice Foundation, Change for Kids, Sidney Hillman Foundation, and various food banks and other organizations, embodies our longstanding commitment to fairness, equality, and opportunity for everyone in our community, which is manifest in the many programs in which we participate.

Immigration Justice Campaign

Our attorneys have scored numerous victories on behalf of asylum seekers around the world, particularly from Cuba and Uganda, as well as in reuniting children separated at the border. Our Firm also helped by providing housing, clothing, and financial assistance to those who literally came to the U.S. with only the clothes on their back.

Advocacy for the Mentally Ill

Our attorneys have provided pro bono representation to mentally ill tenants facing eviction and worked with a tenants’ advocacy organization defending the rights of city residents.

Federal Pro Se Legal Assistance Project

We represented pro se litigants who could not afford legal counsel through an Eastern District of New York clinic. We assisted those pursuing claims for racial and religious discrimination, helped navigate complex procedural issues involving allegations of a defamatory accusation made to undermine our client’s disability benefits, and assisted a small business owner allegedly sued for unpaid wages by a stranger.

New York City Bar Association Thurgood Marshall Scholar

We are involved in the Thurgood Marshall Summer Law Internship Program, which places diverse New York City public high school students with legal employers for the summer. This program runs



annually, from April through August, and is part of the City Bar's continuing efforts to enhance the diversity of the legal profession.

Diversity Fellowship Program

We provide a fellowship as a key component of the Firm's objective to recruit, retain, and advance diverse law students. Positions are offered to exceptional law students who can contribute to the diversity of our organization and the broader legal community.

Brooklyn Law School Securities Arbitration Clinic

Our Firm partnered with Brooklyn Law School to establish a securities arbitration clinic. The program, which ran for five years, assisted defrauded individual investors who could not otherwise afford to pay for legal counsel and provided students with real-world experience in securities arbitration and litigation.

Change for Kids

We support Change for Kids (CFK) as a strategic partner of P.S. 182 in East Harlem. One school at a time, CFK rallies communities to provide a broad range of essential educational opportunities at under-resourced public elementary schools, as well as enables students to discover their unique strengths and develop the requisite confidence to achieve.

Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law

We are long-time supporters of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization formed in 1963 at the request of President John F. Kennedy. The Lawyers' Committee involves the private bar in providing legal services to address racial discrimination. We have been involved at the federal level on U.S. Supreme Court nominee analyses and national voters' rights initiatives. Edward Labaton is a member of the Board of Directors.

Sidney Hillman Foundation

Our Firm supports the Sidney Hillman Foundation. Created in honor of the first president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, Sidney Hillman, the foundation supports investigative and progressive journalism by awarding monthly and yearly prizes.



COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

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“In the legal industry and private practice in particular, diversity is a challenge. At Labaton Sucharow, there is undeniable strength, limitless creativity, and steadfast momentum for diversity and inclusion. We believe a multitude of perspectives, backgrounds, and points of view improves the quality of our work and makes us better advisers to those we serve.” – Gregory Ascioolla, Partner and Chair of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee

Over half a century, Labaton Sucharow has earned global recognition for its success in securing historic recoveries and reforms for investors and consumers. We strive to attain the same level of achievement in promoting fairness and equality within our practice and throughout the legal profession and believe this can be realized by building and maintaining a team of professionals with a broad range of backgrounds, orientations, and interests.

As a national law firm serving a global clientele, diversity is vital to reaching the right result and provides us with distinct points of view from which to address each client’s most pressing needs and complex legal challenges. Problem solving is at the core of what we do...and equity and inclusion serve as a catalyst for understanding and leveraging the myriad strengths of our diverse workforce.

Research demonstrates that diversity in background, gender, and ethnicity leads to smarter and more informed decision-making, as well as positive social impact that addresses the imbalance in business today—leading to generations of greater returns for all. We remain committed to developing initiatives that focus on tangible diversity, equity, and inclusion goals involving recruiting, professional development, retention, and advancement of diverse and minority candidates, while also raising awareness and supporting real change inside and outside our Firm.

In recognition of our efforts, we have been honored and shortlisted by *Chambers & Partners* as Inclusive Firm of the Year and by *Euromoney* as the Best National Firm for Women in Business Law, Best Gender Diversity Initiative, and Best for Talent Management, as well as for *The National Law Journal* “Elite Trial Lawyers” inaugural Diversity Initiative Award. Our Firm understands the importance of extending leadership positions to diverse lawyers and is committed to investing time and resources to develop the next generation of leaders and counselors. We actively recruit, mentor, and promote to partnership minority and female lawyers.





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WOMEN'S INITIATIVE



Women's Networking and Mentoring Initiative

Labaton Sucharow is the first securities litigation firm with a dedicated program to foster growth, leadership, and advancement of female attorneys. Established more than a decade ago, our Women's Initiative has hosted seminars, workshops, and networking events that encourage the advancement of female lawyers and staff, and bolster their participation as industry collaborators and celebrated thought innovators. We engage important women who inspire us by sharing their experience, wisdom, and lessons learned. We offer workshops on subject matter that ranges from professional development, negotiation, and public speaking, to business development and gender inequality in the law today.

Institutional Investing in Women and Minority-Led Investment Firms

Our Women's Initiative hosts an annual event on institutional investing in women and minority-led investment firms that was shortlisted for a *Chambers & Partners'* Diversity & Inclusion award. By bringing pension funds, diverse managers, hedge funds, investment consultants, and legal counsel together and elevating the voices of diverse women, we address the importance and advancement of diversity investing. Our 2018 inaugural event was shortlisted among *Euromoney's* Best Gender Diversity Initiative.

MINORITY SCHOLARSHIP AND INTERNSHIP

To take an active stance in introducing minority students to our practice and the legal profession, we established the Labaton Sucharow Minority Scholarship and Internship years ago. Annually, we present a grant and Summer Associate position to a first-year minority student from a metropolitan New York law school who has demonstrated academic excellence, community commitment, and unwavering personal integrity. Several past recipients are now full-time attorneys at the Firm. We also offer two annual summer internships to Hunter College students.

WHAT THE BENCH SAYS ABOUT US

On October 13, 2020, the Honorable Judge Lewis Liman of the Southern District of New York, upon appointing Labaton Sucharow as co-lead counsel (with two female lawyers) to the end-payor class in the pay-for-delay case involving the drug Bystolic, noted:

"Historically, there has been a dearth of diversity within the legal profession. Although progress has been made...still just one tenth of lawyers are people of color and just over a third are women. A firm's commitment to diversity...demonstrate[s] that it shares with the courts a commitment to the values of equal justice under law...[and] is one that is able to attract, train, and retain lawyers with the most latent talent and commitment regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation."



PROFESSIONAL PROFILES



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Michael P. Canty is a Partner in the New York office of Labaton Sucharow LLP, where he serves as General Counsel and head of the Firm's Consumer Cybersecurity and Data Privacy group. Michael's practice focuses on complex fraud cases on behalf of institutional investors and consumers.

Recommended by *The Legal 500* and *Benchmark Litigation* as an accomplished litigator, Michael has more than a decade of trial experience in matters relating to national security, white collar crime, and cybercrime. Michael has been recognized as a Plaintiffs' Trailblazer and a NY Trailblazer by the *National Law Journal* and the *New York Law Journal*, respectively, for his impact on the practice and business of law. *Lawdragon* has also recognized Michael as one of the "500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers in America," as the result of their research into the country's top verdicts and settlements.

Michael has successfully prosecuted a number of high-profile securities matters involving technology companies. Most notably, Michael is part of the litigation team that recently achieved a historic \$650 million settlement in the *In re Facebook Biometric Information Privacy Litigation* matter—the largest consumer data privacy settlement ever and one of the first cases asserting consumers' biometric privacy rights under Illinois' Biometric Information Privacy Act (BIPA). Michael has also led cases against AMD, a multi-national semiconductor company, and Ubiquiti Networks, Inc., a global software company. In both cases, Michael played a pivotal role in securing favorable settlements for investors.

Prior to joining Labaton Sucharow, Michael served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York, where he was the Deputy Chief of the Office's General Crimes Section. During his time as a federal prosecutor, Michael also served in the Office's National Security and Cybercrimes Section. Prior to this, he served as an Assistant District Attorney for the Nassau County District Attorney's Office, where he handled complex state criminal offenses and served in the Office's Homicide Unit.

Michael has extensive trial experience both from his days as a prosecutor in New York City for the U.S. Department of Justice and as a Nassau County Assistant District Attorney. Michael served as trial counsel in more than 35 matters, many of which related to violent crime, white-collar, and terrorism-related offenses. He played a pivotal role in *United States v. Abid Naseer*, where he prosecuted and convicted an al-Qaeda operative who conspired to carry out attacks in the United States and Europe. Michael also led the investigation in *United States v. Marcos Alonso Zea*, a case in which he successfully prosecuted a citizen for attempting to join a terrorist organization in the Arabian Peninsula and for providing material support for planned attacks.



Michael also has extensive experience investigating and prosecuting cases involving the distribution of prescription opioids. In January 2012, Michael was assigned to the U.S. Attorney's Office Prescription Drug Initiative to mount a comprehensive response to what the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has called an epidemic increase in the abuse of so-called opioid analgesics. As a member of the initiative, in *United States v. Conway* and *United States v. Deslouche*, Michael successfully prosecuted medical professionals who were illegally prescribing opioids. In *United States v. Moss et al.*, he was responsible for dismantling one of the largest oxycodone rings operating in the New York metropolitan area at the time. In addition to prosecuting these cases, Michael spoke regularly to the community on the dangers of opioid abuse as part of the Office's community outreach.

Before becoming a prosecutor, Michael worked as a Congressional Staff Member for the U.S. House of Representatives. He primarily served as a liaison between the Majority Leader's Office and the Government Reform and Oversight Committee. During his time with the House of Representatives, Michael managed congressional oversight of the United States Postal Service and reviewed and analyzed counter-narcotics legislation as it related to national security matters.

He is a member of the Federal Bar Council American Inn of Court, which endeavors to create a community of lawyers and jurists and promotes the ideals of professionalism, mentoring, ethics, and legal skills.

Michael earned his Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, from St. John's University's School of Law. He received his Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude*, from Mary Washington College.



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Thomas A. Dubbs is a Partner in the New York office of Labaton Sucharow LLP. Tom focuses on the representation of institutional investors in domestic and multinational securities cases. Tom serves or has served as lead or co-lead counsel in some of the most important federal securities class actions in recent years, including those against American International Group, Goldman Sachs, the Bear Stearns Companies, Facebook, Fannie Mae, Broadcom, and WellCare.

Tom is highly-regarded in his practice. He has been named a top litigator by *Chambers & Partners USA* for more than 10 consecutive years and has been consistently ranked as a Leading Lawyer in Securities Litigation by *The Legal 500*. *Law360* named him an MVP of the Year for distinction in class action litigation, and he has been recognized by *The National Law Journal*, *Lawdragon*, and *Benchmark Litigation* for excellence in securities litigation. Tom has also received a rating of AV Preeminent from the publishers of the Martindale-Hubbell directory. In addition, *The Legal 500* has inducted Tom into its Hall of Fame—an honor presented to only four plaintiffs' securities litigators "who have received constant praise by their clients for continued excellence."

Tom has played an integral role in securing significant settlements in several high-profile cases, including *In re American International Group, Inc. Securities Litigation* (settlements totaling more than \$1 billion); *In re Bear Stearns Companies, Inc. Securities Litigation* (\$275 million settlement with Bear Stearns Companies plus a \$19.9 million settlement with Deloitte & Touche LLP, Bear Stearns' outside auditor); *In re HealthSouth Securities Litigation* (\$671 million settlement); *Eastwood Enterprises LLC v. Farha et al.* (WellCare Securities Litigation) (over \$200 million settlement); *In re Fannie Mae 2008 Securities Litigation* (\$170 million settlement); *In re Broadcom Corp. Securities Litigation* (\$160.5 million settlement with Broadcom, plus \$13 million settlement with Ernst & Young LLP, Broadcom's outside auditor); *In re St. Paul Travelers Securities Litigation* (\$144.5 million settlement); *In re Amgen Inc. Securities Litigation* (\$95 million settlement); and *In re Vesta Insurance Group, Inc. Securities Litigation* (\$78 million settlement).

Representing an affiliate of the Amalgamated Bank, Tom successfully led a team that litigated a class action against Bristol-Myers Squibb, which resulted in a settlement of \$185 million as well as major corporate governance reforms. He has argued before the U.S. Supreme Court and has argued 10 appeals dealing with securities or commodities issues before the U.S. Courts of Appeals.

Due to his reputation in securities law, Tom frequently lectures to institutional investors and other groups, such as the Government Finance Officers Association, the National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems, and the Council of Institutional Investors. He is a prolific author of articles related to his field, including "Textualism and Transnational Securities Law: A Reappraisal of Justice Scalia's Analysis in *Morrison v. National Australia Bank*," which he penned for the



Southwestern Journal of International Law. He has also written several columns in U.K. publications regarding securities class actions and corporate governance.

Prior to joining Labaton Sucharow, Tom was Senior Vice President & Senior Litigation Counsel for Kidder, Peabody & Co. Incorporated, where he represented the company in many class actions, including the *First Executive* and *Orange County* litigation and was first chair in many securities trials. Before joining Kidder, Tom was head of the litigation department at Hall, McNicol, Hamilton & Clark, where he was the principal partner representing Thomson McKinnon Securities Inc. in many matters, including the *Petro Lewis* and *Baldwin-United* class actions.

Tom serves as a FINRA Arbitrator and is an Advisory Board Member for the Institute for Transnational Arbitration. He is a member of the New York State Bar Association and the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, as well as a patron of the American Society of International Law. Tom is an active member of the American Law Institute and is currently an adviser on the proposed Restatement of the Law Third, Conflict of Laws; he was also a member of the Consultative Groups for the Restatement of the Law Fourth, U.S. Foreign Relations Law, and the Principles of Law, Aggregate Litigation. Tom also serves on the Board of Directors for The Sidney Hillman Foundation.

Tom earned his Juris Doctor and his bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He received his master's degree from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University.



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Jonathan Gardner is a Partner in the New York office of Labaton Sucharow LLP and serves as Head of Litigation for the Firm. With more than 30 years of experience, Jonathan oversees all of the Firm's litigation matters, including prosecuting complex securities fraud cases on behalf of institutional investors.

A *Benchmark Litigation* "Star" acknowledged by his peers as "engaged and strategic," Jonathan has also been named an MVP by *Law360* for securing hard-earned successes in high-stakes litigation and complex global matters. He is ranked by *Chambers & Partners USA* and recommended *The Legal 500*, whose sources remarked on Jonathan's ability to "understand the unique nature of complex securities litigation and strive for practical yet results-driven outcomes" and his "considerable expertise and litigation skill and practical experience that helps achieve terrific results for clients." Jonathan is also recognized by *Lawdragon* as one of the "500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers in America."

Jonathan has played an integral role in securing some of the largest class action recoveries against corporate offenders since the global financial crisis. He led the Firm's team in the investigation and prosecution of *In re Barrick Gold Securities Litigation*, which resulted in a \$140 million recovery. He has also served as the lead attorney in several cases resulting in significant recoveries for injured class members, including *In re Hewlett-Packard Company Securities Litigation* (\$57 million recovery); *Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi v. Endo International PLC* (\$50 million recovery); *Medoff v. CVS Caremark Corporation* (\$48 million recovery); *In re Nu Skin Enterprises, Inc., Securities Litigation*, (\$47 million recovery); *In re Intuitive Surgical Securities Litigation* (\$42.5 million recovery); *In re Carter's Inc. Securities Litigation* (\$23.3 million recovery against Carter's and certain officers, as well as its auditing firm PricewaterhouseCoopers); *In re Aeropostale Inc. Securities Litigation* (\$15 million recovery); *In re Lender Processing Services Inc.* (\$13.1 million recovery); and *In re K-12, Inc. Securities Litigation* (\$6.75 million recovery).

Jonathan has led the Firm's representation of investors in many high-profile cases including *Rubin v. MF Global Ltd.*, which involved allegations of material misstatements and omissions in a Registration Statement and Prospectus issued in connection with MF Global's IPO. The case resulted in a recovery of \$90 million for investors. Jonathan also represented lead plaintiff City of Edinburgh Council as Administering Authority of the Lothian Pension Fund in *In re Lehman Brothers Equity/Debt Securities Litigation*, which resulted in settlements exceeding \$600 million against Lehman Brothers' former officers and directors, Lehman's former public accounting firm, as well as the banks that underwrote Lehman Brothers' offerings. In representing lead plaintiff Massachusetts Bricklayers and Masons Trust Funds in an action against Deutsche Bank, Jonathan secured a \$32.5 million recovery for a class of investors injured by the bank's conduct in connection with certain residential mortgage-backed securities.



Jonathan has also been responsible for prosecuting several of the Firm's options backdating cases, including *In re Monster Worldwide, Inc. Securities Litigation* (\$47.5 million settlement); *In re SafeNet, Inc. Securities Litigation* (\$25 million settlement); *In re Semtech Securities Litigation* (\$20 million settlement); and *In re MRV Communications, Inc. Securities Litigation* (\$10 million settlement). He also was instrumental in *In re Mercury Interactive Corp. Securities Litigation*, which settled for \$117.5 million, one of the largest settlements or judgments in a securities fraud litigation based on options backdating. Jonathan also represented the Successor Liquidating Trustee of Lipper Convertibles, a convertible bond hedge fund, in actions against the fund's former independent auditor and a member of the fund's general partner as well as numerous former limited partners who received excess distributions. He successfully recovered over \$5.2 million for the Successor Liquidating Trustee from the limited partners and \$29.9 million from the former auditor.

Jonathan is a member of the Federal Bar Council, New York State Bar Association, and the Association of the Bar of the City of New York.

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Carol's development of innovative case theories in complex cases, her skillful handling of discovery work, and her adept ability during oral arguments has earned her accolades from *The National Law Journal* as a "Plaintiffs' Trailblazer" and the *New York Law Journal* as a "Top Woman in Law" and a "New York Trailblazer." *The National Law Journal* recognized Carol's superb ability to excel in high-stakes matters on behalf of plaintiffs and selected her to its 2020 class of "Elite Women of the Plaintiffs Bar." She has also been recognized as a "Future Star" by *Benchmark Litigation* and a "Next Generation Partner" by *The Legal 500*, where clients praised her for helping them "better understand the process and how to value a case." *Lawdragon* has named her one of the "500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers in America," and *Crain's New York Business* selected Carol to its list of "Notable Women in Law."

Carol has played a pivotal role in securing favorable settlements for investors, including DeVry, a for-profit university; AMD, a multi-national semiconductor company; Liquidity Services, an online auction marketplace; Aeropostale, a leader in the international retail apparel industry; Vocera, a healthcare communications provider; Prothena, a biopharmaceutical company; and World Wrestling Entertainment, a media and entertainment company, among others. Carol has also helped revive a securities class action against LifeLock after arguing an appeal before the Ninth Circuit. The case settled shortly thereafter.

Prior to joining Labaton Sucharow, Carol served as the Assistant District Attorney in the Supreme Court Bureau for the Richmond County District Attorney's office, where she took several cases to trial. She began her career as an Associate at King & Spalding LLP, where she worked as a federal litigator.

Carol is an active member of the New York State Bar Association's Women in the Law Section and Chair of the Board of Directors of the City Bar Fund, the nonprofit 501(c)(3) arm of the New York City Bar Association. She is also a member of the National Association of Public Pension Attorneys, the



National Association of Women Lawyers, and the Hispanic National Bar Association. In addition, Carol currently serves on *Law360's* Securities Editorial Board.

Carol earned her Juris Doctor from New York University School of Law, where she was the recipient of The Irving H. Jurow Achievement Award for the Study of Law and received the Association of the Bar of the City of New York Diversity Fellowship. She received her bachelor's degree, with honors, from New York University.

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Chris's distinction in the plaintiffs' bar has earned him recognition from *Lawdragon* as an "Elite Lawyer in the Legal Profession" and "Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer" and *Chambers & Partners USA* as a "Noted Practitioner," as well as recommendations from *The Legal 500* for excellence in the field of securities litigation.

Described by *The Legal 500* as a "sharp and tenacious advocate" who "has his pulse on the trends," Chris has been instrumental in the Firm's appointments as lead counsel in some of the largest securities matters arising out of the financial crisis, such as actions against Countrywide (\$624 million settlement), Bear Stearns (\$275 million settlement with Bear Stearns Companies and \$19.9 million settlement with Deloitte & Touche LLP, Bear Stearns' outside auditor), and Goldman Sachs.

Chris has been integral in the prosecution of traditional fraud cases such as *In re Schering-Plough Corporation/ENHANCE Securities Litigation*; *In re Massey Energy Co. Securities Litigation*, where the Firm obtained a \$265 million all-cash settlement with Alpha Natural Resources, Massey's parent company; as well as *In re Satyam Computer Services, Ltd. Securities Litigation*, where the Firm obtained a settlement of more than \$150 million. Chris was also a principal litigator on the trial team of *In re Real Estate Associates Limited Partnership Litigation*. The six-week jury trial resulted in a \$185 million plaintiffs' verdict, one of the largest jury verdicts since the passage of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act.

In addition to his active caseload, Chris holds a variety of leadership positions within the Firm, including serving on the Firm's Executive Committee. In response to the evolving needs of clients, Chris also established, and currently leads, the Case Development Group, which is composed of attorneys, in-house investigators, financial analysts, and forensic accountants. The group is responsible for evaluating clients' financial losses and analyzing their potential legal claims both in and outside of the U.S. and tracking trends that are of potential concern to investors.

Educating institutional investors is a significant element of Chris's advocacy efforts for shareholder rights. He is regularly called upon for presentations on developing trends in the law and new case theories at annual meetings and seminars for institutional investors.

Chris is a member of several professional groups, including the New York State Bar Association and the New York County Lawyers' Association. He is a prior member of the Board of Directors of the City



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Lawdragon has recognized Eric as one of the country's "500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers" as the result of their research into top verdicts and settlements, and input from "lawyers nationwide about whom they admire and would hire to seek justice for a claim that strikes a loved one."

In his work with the Case Development Group, Eric was actively involved in securing a combined settlement of \$18.4 million in *In re Colonial BancGroup, Inc. Securities Litigation*, regarding material misstatements and omissions in SEC filings by Colonial BancGroup and certain underwriters. Eric's experience includes noteworthy M&A and derivative cases such as *In re Medco Health Solutions Inc. Shareholders Litigation* in which he was integrally involved in the negotiation of the settlement that included a significant reduction in the termination fee.

Under Eric's direction, the Firm's Non-U.S. Securities Litigation Practice—one of the first of its kind—also serves as liaison counsel to institutional investors in such cases, where appropriate. Eric represents nearly 30 institutional investors in over a dozen non-U.S. cases against companies including SNC-Lavalin Group Inc. in Canada, Vivendi Universal, S.A. in France, OZ Minerals Ltd. in Australia, Lloyds Banking Group in the U.K., and Olympus Corporation in Japan. Eric's international experience also includes securing settlements on behalf of non-U.S. clients including the U.K.-based Mineworkers' Pension Scheme in *In re Satyam Computer Securities Services Ltd. Securities Litigation*, an action related to one of the largest securities frauds in India, which resulted in \$150.5 million in collective settlements. While representing two of Europe's leading pension funds, Deka Investment GmbH and Deka International S.A., Luxembourg, in *In re General Motors Corp. Securities*



Litigation, Eric was integral in securing a \$303 million settlement in relation to multiple accounting manipulations and overstatements by General Motors.

As head of the Financial Products and Services Litigation Practice, Eric served as lead counsel to Arkansas Teacher Retirement System in a class action against State Street Corporation and certain affiliated entities alleging misleading actions in connection with foreign currency exchange trades, which resulted in a \$300 million recovery. He has also represented the Commonwealth of Virginia in its False Claims Act case against Bank of New York Mellon, Inc.

Prior to joining Labaton Sucharow, Eric served as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of New York and as an Assistant District Attorney for the County of Westchester. As a prosecutor, Eric investigated and prosecuted white-collar criminal cases, including many securities law violations. He presented hundreds of cases to the grand jury and obtained numerous felony convictions after jury trials.

Eric is a member of the National Association of Public Pension Attorneys (NAPPA) Securities Litigation Working Group and the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Corporate Advisory Board. He has spoken publicly on the topics of shareholder litigation and U.S.-style class actions in European countries and has also discussed socially responsible investments for public pension funds.

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